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UNCLAS MAY 7. LARGEST CIRCULATION MORNING DAILY PRENSA GRAFICA
TODAY PREDICTED SUPPORT FOR U.S. POSITION IN UNCTAD CONFERENCE
AGAINST PRIMARY PRODUCTS CARTELS. SAID THE LEAD EDITORIAL,

"HOWEVER EXTENSIVE OR BRIEF THE PARTICIPATION OF U.S. DELEGATES
MAY BE AT THE UNCTAD CONFERENCE, ITS BASIC CONTENT HAS BEEN SET
BY SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER'S OPENING WORDS....

"KISSINGER HAS LAID DOWN THE GENERAL LINES OF AMERICAN POLICY:
DECIDEDLY AGAINST ECONOMIC BLOCS. IT IS POSITION ORIGINALLY
ADOPTED TO MEET THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF
PETROLEUM EXPORTING COUNTRIES (OPEC), A CARTEL SO POWERFUL THAT
IT HAS THROWN THE WHOLE WORLD ECONOMY OUT OF JOINT, SPARING
NEITHER RICH COUNTRIES NOR POOR.

"THE OIL QUESTION MUST NECESSARILY BE A PART OF THE CONFERENCE.
AND IF NO ONE IS WILLING TO PUT THE OPEC IN THE SEAT OF THE
ACCUSED, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY MIGHT CHARGE
THE CARTEL WITH THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS IT HAS HAD ON THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITHOUT OIL.

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